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Four Dollar, Fr-Gd.3.00; V.Gd	5.00
Eight Dollar, Fr-Gd.3.00; V.Gd	5.00

FIRST APRIL 1774

FIRST APRIL 1774	
Half Dollar, V.Gd.3.75; Fine	6.00
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Eight Dollar, V.Gd.3.00; Fine	5.00

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Unusual Items

COMPLETE SET

1921 - 23 WESTPHALIA INFLATION COINAGE

WESTPHALIA



ONE BILLION MARK Actual size 60MM (2 3/8") This was an official coinage.

A Complete Type Collection of this interesting and historical coinage, starting with the One Mark and ending with the One Billion Mark, pictured above. This is the largest denomination coin ever issued. It is becoming quite rare and has recently brought close to \$100.00 at auction. Included in the set are 1, 5, 100, 500, 10,000 Marks; 1/4, 2, 50 Million Marks, and the 1 Billion Mark in silver. There are two general types -- head of Stein, bust of Annette V. Drofte. Obverse and reverse shown on certain coins.

OF SPECIAL NOTE

This 16 Piece Set is mounted in a special made leather case, 12 3/4 x 10 inches, lined with white silk and blue velvet with inserts for the coins.

These cases were made in Europe at a cost of over \$20.00 -- they would cost nearly double in this country.

This is one of the finest display items we have seen for quite some time -- certainly with a pertinent story to tell.

16 PIECE BOXED SET -- \$125.00

LARGEST SILVER COIN

SPAIN - 50 REALES
Philip III, Segovia Mint, 50 Reales
1620. Date over Arms of Spain.
Insc. and title. Rev: Crowned shield
divides value and mint. The largest
official silver coin struck. Three
inches in diameter.

VERY FINE, RARE....\$275.00

Philip IIII, Segovia Mint, 50 Reales 1635. Similar, even slightly larger. CHOICE VERY FINE...\$250.00

FOREIGN PROOF SETS

IN OFFICIAL CASES

BRITISH CARIBBEAN "Eastern Group" 1955 1/2, 1,2 Cent Copper; 10-25-50 Cent Silver. Brilliant Proof 7 Piece Set\$15.00

CYPRUS

1955 3 & 5 Mils copper; 25-50-100 Mils Silver. Brilliant Proofs 5 Piece Set\$12.50

GUERNSEY

1956 4 & 8 Double Copper; 3 Pence Silver. Double Set showing obverse and reverse. Brilliant Proofs

6 Piece Set\$9.00



THE OWL AS SYMBOL OF WEALTH

Ever since Athenian wealth was expressed by a picture of an owl in the city-state's magnificent and long series of gold, silver and copper coins, other Greek city-states had envied Athenians their trade mark and prestige that came with it. For not only did an owl mean "Athenian," it also stood for wisdom and shrewdness in trading-something the wiley Athenians were justly proud of. And the bird was sacred to Pallas, whose statue stood high over the city of Athens.

At first, more or less crude copies of Athenian coins were issued by Asia Minor communities that preferred, for trade reasons, to remain anonymous and simply copy the famous Athenian design, even to the word "Athens" on the coins.

Gradually, such copies, dating mostly from the fourth, third and second centuries B. C., came from mints as far afield as France and India. But the merchants of the world soon learned to differentiate between the genuine article and the copies and a discount ensued. The bankers demanded that the mints put their own names and seals on the coins they issued and thus be accountable. Therefore, a number of Greek cities started to coin money of a native variety, but incorporating the Athenian owl design for commercial reasons.

THE OWL AS SYMBOL OF WEALTH (Continued)

Best known among these mints is the Italian city of Taranto, but another series comes from Amisus, a port city in the Kingdom of Pontus in Asia Minor. Silver half and full Dræhms of good metal were issued there in the early third Century B.C., showing the head of the local "Tyche" or Good Luck Goddess on one side, and a large owl, with spread wings, on the other.

Dutifully, the mint official signed his name to his work and Demetrius, as well as other names, appear on these coins.

The Amisus silver coins successfully competed with the silver of neighboring cities like Byzantium and Chalcedon, who used the cow as their coat of arms. The cow, of course, was also borrowed from the highly popular coins of Apollonia and Dyrrhachium, across the Adriatic, but it would seem that the Athenian owl was considered a better risk by the bankers and traders than the Albanian cow! --- Hans Holzer

AMISUS, PONTUS B.C.300-260

Drachm in good silver.
Head of Tyche facing right.
Reverse - Owl facing, with wings spread; monogram.

Well struck specimen
Fine-Very Fine.....\$12.50

Hemidrachm (Half Drachm)
Same period

Head of Tyche but in much higher relief. Reverse: Owl with spread wings standing on pedestal; monogram and inscription. A wonderful example of ancient artistry and culture.

Choice Ext. Fine.....\$17.50 Very Fine plus...... 12.50 Fine to Very Fine.... 9.00





ATHENS 479-404 B. C.

Tetradrachm
Head of Athena. Reverse: Owl and
inscription. A fine example of archaic
style.

Very Fine, SPECIAL.....\$22.50

JUDAEA'S "BRONZE SHEKEL"

The word "Shekel" means Seal in its original sense, and signifies a silver weight during the height of the Jewish State. Later the term was applied to a silver coin minted by the insurgents in the so-called First Revolt of the Jews against Emperor Nero, 68 A.D.

This Shekel has a chalice on one side and a lily on the other, and is very thick. This oddity has given rise to some speculation as to the actual time of its issue. Some scholars still believe it was struck by the Jewish king, Simon Maccabaeus, rather than during the First Revolt.

What may lend credence to this idea is the occurrence of the so-called Bronze Shekels, that is, necessity coins that have commonly been referred to as Shekels which they may have represented in times of stress. These pieces show a vine leaf on one side and a crater or wine jar on the other, and were issued between 66 and 70 A.D. when Titus crushed the Jewish rebellion.

A similar issue exists between 132 and 135 A.D. The so-called Second Revolt under Simon Bar Kochba, was responsible for the issuance of a silver Shekel or Tetradrachm, showing the temple on one side and the two fruits, lulab and ethrog, on the other. There are in existence also exact duplicates of this type in copper. Some of these are undoubtedly modern forgeries but others were dug up in the desert and are quite old. Quite possibly these were necessity coins cast towards the very end of the Revolt.

In addition, there exist large copper pieces or "shekels," showing a vine leaf on the obverse and a palm tree on the reverse. Although they were in size and value equal to the Roman As, they are often called Bronze Shekels. These coins were frequently overstruck by the Jews on existing Roman Colonial coins

It is possible that the copper coins had inflated values, especially as the war declined and economic conditions became more uncertain. But essentially the term Shekel is a silver coin equal to the Persian Siglos and the Greek Didrachm or Stater, at first, and the debased Greek Tetradrachm later.

Herod the Great also issued a large bronze coin showing a wine glass, and this has been referred to occasionally as a Bronze Shekel. It probably had a

JUDAEA'S "BRONZE SHEKEL" (Continued)

contemporary value of a silver Drachm similar to the large Alexandrian bronzes of the period.

-- Hans Holzer

EDITOR'S NOTE - -

Fortunately, we have been able to acquire a substantial part of a hoard of about ninety of these Bronze Shekels. Many of them are in a remarkable state of preservation. The coins are all of the same type -- a vine leaf on the obverse and a palm tree on the reverse. They have two varieties of legends: Some say "For the Deliverance of Jerusalem," and others, "For the Deliverance of Israel."

The "Jerusalem" variety are always regular in that all the words are spelled out and so is the name "Simon" on the reverse.

The "Israel" variety abbreviates some of the words as well as the name "Simon." Several of the Israel coins exhibit fascinating errors in spelling. For instance, the "r" is sometimes omitted from the word "Israel." On two coins the "s" and "i" in the word Israel are transposed and the "i" is written retrograde (backwards), as it sometimes appears on other coins and descriptions of ancient Israel.





BRONZE SHEKELS OF JUDAEA

Second Revolt - 132-135 AD (As described in article)

Legend-"For the Deliverance of Jerusalem."

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Fine-Very Fine\$20.00

Legend similar but "Israel" misspelled.

Very Fine - 35.00; Fine...27.50

SILVER BEZANT

NAPLES & SICILY, 1309-1343 Silver Bezant of Robert of Anjou. Emperor enthroned/Floriated Cross (Gigliato).

Very Fine..... \$ 6.00

BIBLICAL COINS



SHEKEL OF TYRE

TYRE, Phoenicia, About 100 B. C. Shekel. Head of Melkarth/Eagle and inscription. These coins are referred to in the Bible as "...thirty pieces of silver."

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V. F	ine	 	37.50

TRIBUTE PENNY

14-37 A. D. Silver Denarius Laureated head of Tiberius.

Reverse: Livia seated.

Bible reference: Matthew 22:15-22

Ext.Fine\$	25.00
V. Fine	
Fine	12 50

ANCIENT JUDAEA





JEWISH SHEKEL

Year 3, struck during the Revoltunder Simon Maccabaeus, 141-137 B. C. Chalice and insc. "Shekel Israel"/
Branch with 3 buds, insc. "Jerusalem the Holy."

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